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Heritage Preservation and Revitalization

The Heritage Preservation and Revitalization subcommittee has developed a plan for historic preservation efforts in Turner Station that builds on the following principles:

- *Preserve the quality of community life*
- *Preserve community history*
- *Promote heritage preservation among youth*
- *Promote heritage-related economic development*

Many heritage preservation efforts are underway as a result of the creation of the Turner Station Heritage Foundation. The primary goal of the foundation is to plan, develop, fund, and build a Heritage Museum. The museum would focus on the community's history of African American steelworkers and their role at the Bethlehem Steel Company in the adjacent community of Sparrows Point. Additionally, the museum would highlight the life contributions of other notable persons having their roots in the Turner Station community such as Henrietta Lacks, Dr. Thomas and Dr. Wade, and many others. The first major step in this process is to identify a site for the museum in the community. This museum could potentially house educational programs and public art depicting the history of the area, as well as function as a visitors center from which area tours could begin.

Another major goal of the subcommittee is to document the site of present and former establishments that, because of their contribution to the cultural history of the community, have become informal landmarks. These include the Adams Cocktail Lounge, The Anthony Theatre, the Ice House, and the Dog House.

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Henrietta and David Lacks

Additionally, many residential structures in the original sections of the community have historical and cultural significance and may be eligible for the Maryland Historic Trust Inventory or National Register Landmark nomination.

Fleming Park, located at the foot of Main Street and having water frontage on both Clement Cove and Bear Creek, has historically been perceived as underutilized. Currently its use is limited to the activities organized and funded through the County recreational leagues. The subcommittee explored the idea of increasing the park's usage to include historic/recreational activities that would provide an opportunity for tourist-related activities such as concerts, docking for water taxi tours or a waterfront promenade. The Turner Station Park, located on the shores of Peach Orchard Cove also has waterfront access that could provide an opportunity for additional use. Ideas generated during the subcommittee process included: a boat landing point, a farmers market, and space for a multipurpose building that could be used for a variety of events including meetings, entertainment, and community affairs. The subcommittee generated the following issues and recommendations:

Issues

- The Turner Station community has a rich cultural history associated with the steel working industry that should be preserved and documented.
- There is unique, period architecture in the community that may be eligible for historic status, facilitating its preservation and enabling applicants and owners to receive tax incentives for restoration and preservation.
- There may be untapped economic potential associated with tourism and the waterfront that



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has not been fully assessed from a marketing perspective.

- Activities targeted towards the youth in the community are lacking and could be enhanced by having youth participate in activities connected with the heritage of the community.

Recommendations

1. Explore the opportunity of establishing a nonprofit 501.c.3 organization to develop the heritage foundation as a formal body that can apply for and be eligible to receive grant funds and associated loan programs, and can work to more fully develop a long term economic vision that promotes heritage preservation (see appendix).
2. Explore the idea of identifying a location for a heritage museum and begin to identify property acquisition issues and possible funding sources.
3. Survey and identify existing historic resources and location of important sites (institutional, commercial and residential) within the community. Explore the idea of designating specific properties as historic or the entire community as a local historic district.
4. Sponsor public relations events such as oral histories or public art shows as a method of raising funds for the museum as well as raising public interest in the history of the community.
5. Work with the Department of Recreation and Parks to determine how Fleming Park and Turner Station Park could be utilized for tourist related activities.
6. Organize youth educational programs/forums about the contribution of the steel industry as it relates to black history, using intergenerational learning programs that involve both the youth and the elderly of the community.



Churches such as New Shiloh Baptist have played a significant role in the history of the community.



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Family unity and community pride have been long standing values in Turner Station.



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Implementation Responsibilities Heritage Preservation and Revitalization	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#2	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation Office of Planning
#3	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Planning
#4	Turner Station Community Associations Dundalk Historical Society
#5	Office of Community Conservation Department of Recreation & Parks
#6	Turner Station Community Associations Department of Aging Board of Education

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Single family detached cottages and bungalows are the oldest housing types in Turner Station.



Rowhouses and duplexes were later constructed in the 1940's.

Housing and Community Development

The development of a residential community and the housing stock in Turner Station occurred in four stages and can be divided into four geographical subsections—Old Turners, Carver Manor, Ernest Lyons Homes and Day

Village (see neighborhood map pg. 8). Old Turners, the original community, consists of frame cottages built in the late 1800's. Carver Manor, located in the center of the community, is a section of row homes that was built in the 1940's in response to the increased worker population at The Bethlehem Steel Company. Ernest Lyons Homes and Day Village are both multifamily apartment communities built in the 1940's. As a result of the community's concern and survey results, the housing subcommittee focused its efforts on the condition of the housing stock and identifying long term housing code violations.

The first step the committee took was to identify those properties that were deteriorated and categorize them into those requiring either "major" or "minor" repairs. Fourteen properties were identified as needing major repairs. Based on the level of repair work needed, a follow up strategy was developed. The subcommittee will continue to document the response/action by property owners, and begin to engage the division of Code Enforcement in the process when appropriate.

Other housing related issues potentially facing the community include: the design of new infill housing and its compatibility with the existing neighborhood, redevelopment of deteriorated, outdated rental housing, increasing vacancies and abandonment of structures, access to state and county sponsored housing programs by area residents, a declining home ownership rate, the need for a lead abatement

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program, and a very limited range of available housing products.

Issues

- There are several houses/structures that have severe code violations and constitute health and safety violations, including the presence of lead paint. These houses also detract from the marketability of the area, and are particular nuisances for adjacent property owners.
- The majority of the lots in the community are undersized according to the current Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR) and will only accommodate housing types that are compatible in scale and massing with those originally constructed.
- Irregularly shaped parcels that are vacant and located at significant locations present design challenges.
- Certain sections of Ernest Lyons Homes are particularly deteriorated and/or vacant and no longer provide affordable rental housing that is an asset to the community.
- There is virtually no newly constructed housing either for sale or rent for young families, creating a void in the market for potential buyers.
- Housing values are well below that of the county average and the greater Dundalk community.
- Property owners are not well informed about ways to access county and state housing programs that may be available for assistance with purchase and/or renovation expenses.
- There may be historically significant structures that are in danger of future razing because they have not been inventoried and assigned official designation.



A section of housing in the Day Village community.



An owner occupied structure in Ernest Lyons Homes.

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Rehabilitation of the older housing stock is needed.



Rental housing, originally constructed for temporary purposes, is showing signs of wear and tear.

Recommendations

1. Work with the county code enforcement office to force repairs and/or selective demolition of derelict properties.
2. Develop a series of suggested housing prototypes that are appropriate in scale, massing, materials, etc. to refer to for any proposed new construction. Require review of architectural elevations through the undersized lot process by the Baltimore County Office of Planning prior to issuance of permit.
3. Explore redevelopment scenarios for the non owner-occupied section of Ernest Lyons Homes. Consider redevelopment of the site in an effort to introduce some newly constructed additional single family housing to the community.
4. Partner with the Offices of Planning and Community Conservation, as well as Dundalk Renaissance Corporation housing committee to develop a marketing plan in an effort to attract young families to the area for homeownership.
5. Explore redevelopment opportunities at the former "Sollers Homes" site.
6. Partner with the Office of Community Conservation to host regular workshops that advertise available loan programs offered by the county and assist in the loan application process.
7. Work with the appropriate county agencies to initiate several economic development initiatives including: small business opportunities training, job training programs coordinated with a revitalization strategy, and financial incentives geared towards small business retention and attraction.
8. Implement programs/strategies aimed at increasing home ownership.
9. Discourage investment buying by implementing anti-speculation strategies.

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10. Develop a “block by block” housing plan for the entire community.
11. Continue to support the revitalization/redevelopment efforts underway at Day Village.

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Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Turner Station Community Associations Department of Permits & Development Management (PDM)
#2	Office of Planning Office of Community Conservation
#3	Office of Community Conservation Office of Planning
#4	Office of Community Conservation Office of Planning
#5	Office of Community Conservation Office of Planning
#6	Office of Community Conservation
#7	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Economic Development CCBC-Dundalk Campus JHU-Bayview Center Office of Employment & Training
#8	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#9	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#10	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#11	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation

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Infrastructure and Traffic

The Infrastructure subcommittee considered and evaluated the condition of both basic facilities including; water/sewer service, streets, storm drainage systems and solid waste disposal, in addition to examining transportation issues such as traffic calming methods, traffic patterns, road capacity, access to public transportation, and the efficiency of existing traffic signalization.

The primary method used to investigate these conditions was on-site tours conducted by members of the subcommittee. Additionally, the committee distributed a community survey, conducted interviews with community members, conducted online research, and obtained advice from Baltimore County staff.

The recommendations contained in this section are aimed at improving the livability of the Turner Station community. It is the conclusion of the committee that the current condition of the sidewalks, curbs, gutters, alleys and streets not only affect the health and physical safety of the community but also detract from the visual appearance and desirability of the community.



Much of the community's infrastructure is in need of repair.

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Sidewalks in many locations are deteriorated or non-existent.

Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks

Issues

- Alleys throughout the community are deteriorated and/or non-existent and in need of resurfacing.
- Sidewalks in many locations are broken, deteriorated, misarranged, or non-existent.
- Street surfaces, primarily in Old Turners and Lyons Homes, are in poor condition, making driving conditions difficult and promoting a poor visual appearance.
- Curbing and gutters are either in poor condition, or non-existent, resulting in drainage problems.
- The area lacks consistent street identification signage (particularly Main Street at which there are three different sections and Fleming Drive).

Recommendations

Work with the county Department of Public Works to complete the following:

1. Assess, prioritize and reconstruct deteriorated and unpaved alleys.
2. Construct new and/or repair existing sidewalks at identified locations (see appendix).
3. Reconstruct and/or repave streets throughout the community at identified locations (see appendix).
4. Conduct an inventory of where curb and gutters are lacking and program their installation through the county's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).
5. Install new, updated street identification signs, with block numbers on designated neighborhood streets.



Alleys throughout the community are unpaved.

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6. Assure that all construction of new sidewalks complies with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Storm Drainage

Issues

- Public and developer installed pipes are inadequately sized.
- Storm drains are seldom, if ever, cleaned, causing drainage problems.
- Ponding occurs after most storms due to deteriorate pavement and storm drains, resulting in icing problems in the winter and breeding areas for mosquitoes in the summer.
- Water flows from streets at elevated locations such as Broening Highway, Mt. Olive Drive, Main Street, and New Pittsburgh Avenue toward storm drains that flow to Bear Creek from Peach Orchard Cove.

Recommendations

Request a complete analysis and correction by the Department of Public Works that achieves the following:

1. Correct the storm drainage system existing in several areas (see appendix for locations)
2. Initiate a regular maintenance system for storm drain cleaning to prevent clogging.



Storm drains in neighboring Carnegie Platt are in need of repair.



A deteriorated storm drain located on South Lane.

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Bus shelters, while needed, are inadequately lit and exacerbate the problem of drug activity.

Lighting

Issues

- Existing outdoor lighting in the area is oriented to automobiles rather than pedestrians.
- BGE lights are infrequently spaced.
- Several locations within the community are poorly lit and have become havens for crime and drug activity in the evening.
- Lighting at bus shelters is inadequate and exacerbates the existing problem of drug activity.

Recommendations

1. Develop a design and installation plan for a standard pedestrian scale lighting fixture to be placed throughout the community that provides adequate pedestrian lighting, and complements the historic character of the community.
2. Working with the county Department of Public Works and the Police Department, develop a lighting plan for strategic locations which adopts defensible space concepts, aimed at decreasing crime.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety



Some streets are conducive to speeding, causing a safety hazard.

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Issues

- Traffic volumes at the intersection at Sollers Point Road and Avon Beach Road may warrant a traffic signal.
- There are public spaces, particularly around the Fleming Center, where children gather and play, yet traffic moves too quickly.
- Several areas lack marked pedestrian crossings that are required for safe access.
- Several streets and intersections experience excessive speeding – particularly Avondale Road and William Wade Avenue, Dundalk Avenue and Main Street, Dundalk Avenue and Sollers Point Road, Main Street in front of the Fleming Community Center.
- Speed limits are sporadically enforced.
- The far right lane of Dundalk Avenue, as you approach Turner Station, forces you to merge without any advance signage.
- The abutment at Main Street and Dundalk Avenue that currently requires vehicles to turn onto Main Street is problematic.

Recommendations

1. Formally request a traffic survey to be conducted by the Department of Public Works to determine if the intersection of Sollers Point and Avon Beach Road area warrants a traffic signal.
2. Coordinate with Traffic Engineering and the Police Department to step up speed enforcement methods.
3. Work with Department of Public Works to study the feasibility of revising the Dundalk

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Avenue and Main Street entrance to the community in an effort to improve traffic safety and neighborhood identification.

4. Identify and install “children at play signs” in those public areas that are frequented by neighborhood children including several alleys and in front of the Fleming Community Center.
5. Survey and evaluate those areas where residents frequently cross the street and install crosswalks to accommodate regular pedestrian activity.

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Implementation Responsibilities Infrastructure	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
Streets, Alleys and Sidewalks	
#1	Department of Public Works
#2	Department of Public Works
#3	Department of Public Works
#4	Department of Public Works Office of Planning
#5	Department of Public Works
#6	Office of Community Conservation Department of Public Works Commission on Disabilities
Storm Drainage #1 #2	Department of Public Works Department of Public Works
Lighting #1	Department of Public Works Office of Planning Office of Community Conservation

Implementation Responsibilities Infrastructure	
Recommendation Traffic and Pedestrian Safety	Implementing Agencies
#1	Department of Public Works
#2	Department of Public Works Police Department
#3	Department of Public Works
#4	Turner Station Community Association Department of Public Works
#5	Turner Station Community Association Department of Public Works

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Community Services

The community services subcommittee considered the current inventory of services available and identified the gaps and/or barriers that exist. In doing so, the committee benefited from the community survey that was completed as a part of this plan, and also from issues and concerns that were voiced by residents early on in this process.

It is particularly important that the residents of the Turner Station have access to affordable community services/educational programs. This means that services should be located within walking distance, be offered at convenient times for working individuals, and that information regarding the availability of programs be made readily available. The subcommittee recommends the formation of an umbrella group so that the various community groups, churches and other special interest groups can continue to work together to make the recommendations in this plan a reality, to advocate for the community and to plan for the future. There are a number of segments of the population that could benefit from adequate services. It is the feeling of many subcommittee members that the Fleming Center could be better utilized as a resource for a number of these programs. In that regard, many of the issues and recommendations included in this section relate to the improved use and management of the Fleming Center facility.



The Fleming Community Center offers several community services programs.

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This site is proposed for new construction to house a store as well as community programs for youth.

Issues

- Residents residing in the area could benefit from general life skills counseling/educational services regarding child care, health care, employment, etc.
- There is a substantial senior population in the community that is currently under served in terms of daytime activities/meals/assistance.
- There is a substantial population of children under the age of 5 requiring accessible/affordable day care services.
- Drug and alcohol problems among area youth contribute to the perception of crime in the community.
- Test scores at Logan Elementary remain among the lowest in the county indicating the need for tutoring and literacy programs for elementary age children in the community.

Recommendations

1. Create a community newspaper and identify a location for a lighted community bulletin board to improve the dissemination of information on services within the community.
2. Establish an umbrella group so that the various neighborhood groups, churches and civic associations can respond to issues that come before the community, and work on implementing the actions recommended in this plan.
3. Sponsor community leadership-building classes that involve existing leaders in the community to serve as mentors.
4. Improve relations and communications with county government by exploring resident representation on various boards/commissions involved in planning, policy, program implementation and service delivery.
5. Create a task force to evaluate the use, management and function of the Fleming Center

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in an effort to better utilize the center. The evaluation should specifically address the following issues: increased activities for seniors, the hiring of a full-time center director, structural and design improvements specifically improved acoustics and the feasibility of adding bleachers to the gymnasium that would make it more adaptable for community meeting uses.

6. Create a system of support and assistance to area schools in an effort to improve the relationship between the community and school, aimed ultimately at improving school performance.
7. Create a family resource center within the community that would supply such resources as a senior day care service, expanded child day care services, parenting programs for young mothers, substance abuse counseling, and dietary training programs.

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Implementation Responsibilities Community Services	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#2	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation
#3	Office of Community Conservation CCBC -Dundalk Campus
#4	Turner Station Community Associations 7th District Council Office
#5	Turner Station Community Associations Department of Recreation & Parks
#6	Turner Station Community Associations Board of Education
#7	Turner Station Community Associations Department of Social Services Health Department Office of Community Conservation

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Natural Environment

One of the primary geographic assets of the Turner Station community is its extensive shoreline. The waterfront provides an amenity not available to most communities within the metropolitan area. Its careful and responsible enhancement will provide a major benefit to the planned efforts for community conservation.

The Maryland Department of the Environment is constructing a shoreline enhancement project along the County-owned property adjacent to the Fleming Center. This project includes the removal of phragmites and rubble and the reestablishment of the shoreline along with grass plantings. The project commenced in the summer of 2002.

The Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Act, enacted in 1984, impacts a significant portion of the Turner Station Community, including all of its shoreline. The law generally identifies the “Critical Area” as all land within 1,000 feet of the mean high water line of tidal waters or the landward edge of tidal wetlands of the Chesapeake Bay or its tributaries. Development within the Critical Area is strictly regulated to minimize or reduce the sediment, nutrients, and toxic substances found in runoff and associated with development. Within the Critical Areas extending from the wetland areas and shoreline is a 100 foot buffer. The buffer is intended to minimize the adverse impact of human activities and to act as a water quality filter. New development within the buffer generally is limited to water dependent facilities. Mitigation of existing conditions that may adversely impact the shoreline or the wetland also is sought. Currently there are efforts underway to plant appropriate trees and



Turner Station is located on the shores of Bear Creek.

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Waterfront reclamation projects are currently underway.

vegetation in the buffer area in order to preserve and protect the shoreline around the southern tip of Turner Station. As trees mature, the trees will allow views of the water and will combat the invasive growth of the phragmites species. Over the past several hundred years, plants have been imported or cultivated to suit particular cultural, aesthetic and environmental needs. A number of species have escaped from cultivated gardens or were planted intentionally into natural areas for wildlife benefit, only to cause havoc on the located ecosystem. While some of these plants do provide benefits to wildlife, the long range results have been very harmful.

Another major issue affecting the natural environment in Turner Station emerged in the fall of 2002. The Maryland Port Authority identified the shoreline of Sollers Point as a potential disposal site for material dredged from the inner harbor. If chosen, dredge material would be placed along the shoreline of the community. A total of 26 sites have been identified and ranked as to the suitability for disposal. A citizen advisory committee has been formed to provide the Port Authority with input regarding community issues as they analyze the feasibility of the various sites. Although Sollers Point may rank high in priority from an environmental/location perspective, there are a number of community issues to take into consideration regarding impact on quality of life, economic development initiatives, land ownership, exposure to toxins, and impact on cultural heritage initiatives already in the pipeline. The dredging effort will affect many other aspects of this plan, and if implemented, have a long range impact on the future of the Turner Station community. It will continue to be a major issue for the community.

Issues

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- Phragmites growth has invaded the shoreline and is killing the native plant material
- There is no barrier to protect children from the shoreline except the current dense stand of phragmites, creating a potential safety hazard.
- The waterfront is suffering from erosion and pier instability.
- Fleming Waterfront Park is in need of improvements, most notably the addition of comfort stations.
- The identification of Sollers Point as a harbor dredge disposal site presents many long term issues/opportunities for Turner station residents over the next 20-40 years.



The Day Village Pond provides a picturesque environment.

Recommendations

1. Continue to work with the involved governmental entities to control phragmites and develop a long term maintenance plan for future control.
2. Continue to work with the county Department of Environmental Management and Protection and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to develop a shoreline erosion maintenance program for the shoreline areas.
3. Work with the county Department of Recreation and Parks to identify an appropriate location for the addition of a comfort station to Fleming Park.
4. Ensure representation on the Citizens Advisory Committee to respond to and supply information to the Maryland Port Authority as they develop their dredge waterfront plan. This representative would be charged with speaking for the community as well as communicating information to the state legislature as the site selection process proceeds.

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Implementation Responsibilities Natural Environment	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Department of Recreation & Parks Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management (DEPRM)
#2	Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management (DEPRM)
#3	Department of Recreation & Parks
#4	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management (DEPRM)

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Public Safety and Code Enforcement

As with many communities, public safety is a major concern to the residents, businesses and institutions within Turner Station. It impacts the daily quality of life in the community. The survey conducted as part of the community conservation plan process revealed that public safety is of paramount concern to the residents. Recommendations made by the public safety committee call for greater cooperation between the police department and the community, cultural sensitivity training, increased structured activities for youth to combat juvenile crime and loitering, the establishment of a Citizens on Patrol (COP) program, and a greater police presence in the community.

Issues

- Some community residents are not as involved with the programs/services offered by the Police Department as they could be.
- Cultural sensitivity and understanding the issues, limitations, and obligations of both the community and the police officers needs improvement.
- Youth are at risk for involvement in crime, particularly after school and during the summer because of a lack of sufficient structured youth activities during these times.
- The Citizens on Patrol (COP) program, which has been successful in the past, is not currently functioning.
- There is a lack of police presence in the community during certain hours and in particular locations.
- Code violations including unauthorized dumping, unlicensed abandoned autos, and substandard

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houses can breed abandonment, and contribute to the crime problem in the area.

Recommendations:

1. Police officers working in the community should be required to attend cultural sensitivity and diversity in-service training classes and cross training annually. The leaders of the community should take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Police Citizens Academy for the purpose of getting updated on public safety issues to take back to the community.
2. Work with the Police Department to have an increased presence in the community by attending various community association meetings. Continue to have the police utilize the offices in the Day Village community for phone and reporting purposes as a way of expanding police presence in the community. Expand this type of use into the Ernest Lyons Homes
3. Ensure representation on the Police Community Relations council and attendance by a resident of Turner Station on a regular basis.
4. Develop more community based programs for youth, particularly those that include substance abuse prevention and education. Work with the police department to build more community awareness of the Explorer and Cadet programs to promote youth education.
5. Establish an active Citizens on Patrol (COP) committee
6. Coordinate with the Beautification Committee and Housing Committee and with appropriate county agencies to develop a plan and regular maintenance schedule for repeat code violations on both public and private property. Reoccurring violations include open dumping, high grass and weeds, vacant and abandoned houses, and

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unlicensed vehicles. This should include a minimum of two community wide clean ups/dumpster days per year.

7. Employ Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in targeted geographic areas where drug activity has been noted.
8. Develop and adopt an Emergency Evacuation plan.
9. Enforce permanent display of house/building addresses.

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Implementation Responsibilities Public Safety and Code Enforcement	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Turner Station Community Associations Police Department
#2	Day Village Apartment Management Police Department
#3	Turner Station Community Associations Police Department
#4	Police Department Health Department
#5	Turner Station Community Associations Police Department
#6	Turner Station Community Associations Office of Community Conservation Department of Permits & Development Management (PDM)
#7	Police Department Office of Planning Office of Community Conservation
#8	Police Department Fire Department
#9	Police Department Department of Permits & Development Management (PDM)

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Recreation

The Turner Station community currently benefits from numerous recreational options including but not limited to ballfields, playgrounds, tot lots, a fishing pier and passive open space at Fleming Center Park, a boat launch and other recreational amenities at Turner Station Park, tennis courts and track facilities at Sollers Point Technical High School and a Drop In Center and Learning Resource Center at the Fleming Community Center. As with all things, the changing needs and growth of the community will require consistent re-evaluation for improvement and growth potential.

The subcommittee has also embraced several new proposals to enhance recreational options within the community. Several of them were conceived during the Dundalk UDAT process. One proposal is a collaboration between Turner Station residents, Johns Hopkins and the Office of Community Conservation. Together, these groups have formed a committee called PATH, which stands for “Promoting Activity for Turners Health.” It is the goal of the PATH committee to improve the health of Turner Station families by establishing an outdoor walking path that will cater to walkers, hikers, cyclists and skaters. With these assets in mind, the following issues and recommendations were developed:

Issues



Turner Station Recreation Council Parade

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- Several segments of the population of Turner Station are currently under served, including young children (2-5) and seniors.
- Members of the community are unaware and misinformed about the current recreational opportunities that exist. Improved communication is necessary.
- Family and community involvement regarding recreational programs and activities needs to be reviewed.

Recommendations

1. Encourage recreation council involvement from all age groups.
2. Develop and strategically place additional tot lots in the community.
3. Improve dissemination of informational resources and services within the community.
4. Encourage use of community parks to facilitate more family activities.
5. Develop recreational and community programs which foster unity between the senior and youth age groups.
6. Create expanded community gardens in additional locations in the community as recreational opportunities.
7. Develop viable recreational programs for adults of all ages.
8. Recommend annual maintenance to the current pavillion areas, replace old tables and grills, and install additional picnic pavillions at Fleming Park.
9. Install bleachers in the gym at Sollers Point High School.



Turner Station Baseball Team-1950's

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Implementation Responsibilities Recreation	
Recommendation	Implementing Agencies
#1	Department of Recreation & Parks (Rec Council) Turner Station Community Associations
#2	Department of Recreation & Parks
#3	Turner Station Community Associations
#4	Department of Recreation & Parks
#5	Turner Station Community Associations
#6	Department of Recreation & Parks Department of Aging
#7	Department of Recreation & Parks Turner Station Community Associations
#8	Department of Recreation & Parks
#9	Department of Recreation & Parks Board of Education

Community Appearance/Beautification

The primary objective of the community appearance/beautification subcommittee was to preserve the intimate scale and community feeling of Turner Station and reflect this in the appearance of the community through a number of initiatives.

Issues

- There are vacant parcels of land that could benefit from beautification efforts throughout the community to improve its curb appeal.
- Circulation and direction finding throughout the community is somewhat difficult and could be improved.
- There are a number of publicly owned areas that are not well maintained.
- Neighborhood block clubs that previously focused on clean block projects, are not as active as they previously were in past years.
- The intersection of Main Street and Dundalk Avenue, which acts as “the front door” to the community is not well maintained or well marked.

Recommendations

1. Develop a logo to be used on community signage and banners.
2. Install banners throughout the community at strategic locations.
3. Install signs noting the locations of institutions and attractions.
4. Reinitiate the neighborhood clean block campaign.
5. Plant small flower gardens throughout the community.

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6. Design and plant the area around the park behind Friendship Baptist Church.
7. Initiate a cleanup effort in and around the BGE right of way.
8. Initiate and develop a planting plan on the vacant parcel (former site of the Heritage Inn), as a temporary beautification measure until the lot is redeveloped.
9. Work with state and county to develop a regular maintenance program (grass cutting, etc.) on publicly owned property.

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Implementation Responsibilities Community Appearance/Beautification	
Recommendations	Implementing Agencies
#1	Office of Planning Turner Station Community Associations
#2	Turner Station Community Associations
#3	Office of Community Conservation Turner Station Community Associations
#4	Turner Station Community Associations
#5	Turner Station Community Associations
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